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Local gardens featured on annual tour



Vicki Brooker photo

WATER FEATURE - A man-made creek adds its cheerful ripples to the landscape at Wanda and Murray Cochrane's Elk Point home, tucked into the woodlands separating 52 Street and Ravine Drive, with a colourful display of blooms adding to the serene atmosphere.

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A busload of avid gardeners took to the road last Tuesday, hosted by St. Paul Community Garden Society, visiting eight yards in St. Paul, Elk Point and the County of St. Paul, and while umbrellas went up at several of the locations, the showers did little to dampen the enthusiasm of the participants.

The tour started in St. Paul, first visiting the home of Diane and Michael Filipchuk, with its lush front yard plantings, featuring a variety of hostas, lilies and other perennials and around the house, an excellent start on a new backyard design with curving beds of junipers, other evergreens and other feature plants and statuary surrounded by washed rock for easy upkeep.

The next stop was close by at Marie Plante's home, where everyone admired her magnificent calla lilies, gorgeous dahlias and imaginative use of yard art to enhance her planters, borders and flourishing vegetable garden.

The final stop in St. Paul was the lake-view home of Suzelle and Leo Van Brabant, where mower-friendly aggregate curbing surrounded curvy beds studded with a variety of flowers, flowering shrubs, trees and towering ornamental grasses encircled by stones, and where backyard entertaining takes place against the stunning backdrop of a two-storey-high cedar hedge.

The next three stops were in the county, south and east of St. Paul, the first of these at the rural home of Roger and Angie Michaud, whose gardens had suffered significant hail damage just days earlier.

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Bantams hosting Provincials this weekend

DOUG BASSETT
Review Sports

The stage is set. The players, coaching staff and parents are ready for the big show.

This coming weekend is the World Series of minor ball for our Bantam AA and Mosquitoes AA teams. This past weekend, both of our teams played their final round, the Bantams are seated in the Tier 4 and will be hosting the five-team Tier 4 finals this coming weekend, starting on Friday at 9 a.m. when they play their first game.

The Mosquitoes are seated in Tier 5 and as of press time, didn't know if they would be hosting or going to another town, but their finals will be a six-team tournament starting this coming weekend and well.

Over in Sherwood Park this past weekend, our Mosquitoes won one out

of three games, defeating Sherwood Park 17 to 4 in their first game, then losing a close one 12 to 9 against Sylvan Lake and to South Jasper Place 20 to 13. A home run for Koltin Davis in the first game, Ryker Neumeier with a double and two singles, two doubles and a single for the 'Mighty Casey' Warawa, a double and two singles for Sam 'the Spiderman' Rogal, a single each for Timmy 'the Tank' Cardinal and Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans-Anderson. In the second game, a double for Janyka-Dawn Evans - Anderson. In the third game, a home run for the 'Spiderman', two singles and a double for Vaughn 'the Culture' Ockerman.

The Bantams played one of their rained out games against Stettler this past Wednesday night, meeting half way, the game played in Vegreville, the boys coming out on top 17 to 14.

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ELKS ASSIST MINOR BALL - Lorn Berg of the Elk Point Elks Lodge #460 presents a cheque for \$1,000 to Dennell Anderson, President of the Elk Point Minor Ball. This group provides programs and support to over 140 boys and girls between the ages of 3 and 17 years of age. The funds will help to keep costs down so that all the young players can afford to play ball and stay active in our community. Good luck in all your endeavors this year.

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PC, Wildrose members say 'yes' to unity

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

An overwhelming majority of PC and Wildrose members voted in favour of uniting Alberta's two right wing political parties on Saturday, with 95 per cent of the total vote saying yes to unity.

The two parties will now join forces under the United Conservative Party name. Not long after the results were announced, Wildrose leader Brian Jean announced he would be resigning as leader of the Wildrose to pursue leadership with the United Conservative Party.

"I plan on being Alberta's next premier," Jean was quoted as saying in the media, on Saturday night at the gathering in Red Deer.

Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills Wildrose MLA David Hanson said he was in attendance at the vote, and described the atmosphere as being "absolutely like a carnival."

Hanson says he was very happy to see that there was a very clear message sent through the vote.

He added that he was also proud to see that "People are willing to put their differences aside for the betterment of

the province." Hanson said people were very excited to see the outcome of the vote, Saturday night.

"Now, we go forward and come up with a plan to get Alberta back on its feet," said Hanson. "We need to get our province back."

When asked about leadership, Hanson said that he's worked with Jean for the last two years, "and he'll be getting my 100 per cent support."

Jason Kenney, leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, ran for leadership of the PC party on the basis on uniting the two parties. He was quoted as saying Saturday's vote was a great day for Alberta.

Kenney did not announce his leadership bid on Saturday night, and instead said it was a night to celebrate the "historic step in democracy." He added that he hopes to see a number of talented people put their names forward as potential leaders of the United Conservative Party.

Wildrose and PC MLAs were expected to meet on Monday to choose an interim leader, until a permanent leader is chosen Oct. 28.

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Garden tour

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Still, there was lots to see, from their hand-built outdoor oven and brand-new greenhouse to their flocks of free-range poultry, which are kept out of the gardens by sturdy fences. A tumble of friendly puppies and the large boulders featured in their landscaping also drew positive comments from the visitors.

Back north to Highway 29, the bus pulled into a yard familiar to many, where earlier generations of youngsters went to ski, and where families now visit in the winter for Cabane à Sucre and sledding parties, the home of Diane and Jocelyn Michaud, where everyone admired the rustic birdhouses, securely fenced garden and escape-proof raised raspberry beds, visited the barn with its friendly resident cat and nearby office and admired the horses and stagecoaches before heading to the roomy chalet for lunch.

Umbrellas were very much in evidence at the next stop, a mile west of the junction of Highways 29 and 41, the home of Donna and Doug Gollidge, where acres of manicured lawn are studded with a wide variety of trees and where a forest clearing surrounds a fire pit, tables and play area for family activities too large for the patio and deck, both enhanced with overflowing planters in full bloom.

Elk Point was the furthest destination on the tour, with the first stop at the home of Donna and Doug Bassett, where the man of the house was very proud to show off his train, with tracks winding through the shrubbery and along the banks of a delightful backyard pond, surrounded by flowers. He also pointed out the handsome 'girl shack' built by Donna, who he said is "the carpenter in the family" and also built the decks at front and back of the house.

A rock-bedded, rippling stream wanders across the front yard of the final stop of the day at the home of Wanda and Murray Cochrane, which backs on to the picturesque woodland dividing Elk Point's Ravine Drive and Circle Drive. Clumps of Stella d'Oro day-lilies, salvia, yarrow, bergenia and tall iris border the stream, which tumbles down a waterfall to an area where a lower-level patio is in progress, to be accessed by a stairway flanked by unique double-decker urn planters. The Cochranes' backyard features raised beds for vegetables and soft fruit production.

TOUR ORGANIZERS Sue deMoissac and Linda Boone present Doug Bassett with a sign in appreciation of the Bassetts' participation in the 2017 Garden Tour.



TRANQUIL HIDEAWAY - This tree-sheltered area tucked into the forest at the edge of the Gollidge yard is the perfect spot for outdoor entertaining.

RCMP investigate shooting death

ELK POINT RCMP
Review Contributor

On July 19 at approximately 10:00 p.m., Elk Point RCMP responded to a shooting incident that allegedly occurred on the Fishing Lake Métis Settlement. A male was then found deceased a short time later on the Frog Lake First Nation. No one else was injured.

The investigation is ongoing. Members from the RCMP's Major Crimes Unit - North (MCU) have assumed carriage of the file and are being assisted by Elk Point and St. Paul RCMP members and the Forensic Identification Section (FIS).

The scene is being processed and witnesses have been identified and are being interviewed. An autopsy has yet to be scheduled to determine the cause and manner of death of the deceased.

Police believe there is no risk to public safety at this time and new information will be provided to the media by way of updates when it becomes available.

Elk Point RCMP would like to hear from anyone who may have information about this matter and asks that they call the Elk Point RCMP Detachment at 780-724-3964. Those who wish to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers. At Crime Stoppers, you do not need to reveal your identity. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to Call Display, Call Trace or tape any phone calls. If your information leads to an arrest, you may qualify for a cash award up to \$2,000.00. We want your tip, not your name. Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

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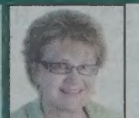


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EDITORIAL

Neither rain nor hail...

The famous slogan of the U. S. Postal Service comes quite close to fitting the attitude of local gardeners, who recently had to cope with inclement weather conditions and still manage to provide a stunning showcase for fellow gardeners to view on last week's tour.

We all know that we can't control the weather, but these gardeners have, in many cases, found a way around some of the problems, as well as problems with wild and domestic animals and physical limitations.

Those on the tour saw coping mechanisms that include the use of rock and other ground covers to conserve water for where it's needed most, at the roots of the plants that matter. They have raised and enclosed beds for the same reason, as well as for ease of working in the garden without aggravating backs and knees, and prudent use of protective netting or wire fencing to keep garden predators at bay.

Hail is a problem that nothing short of a strong roof could keep from demolishing plants, but those whose gardens were shredded were quick to point out the survivors, rather than lamenting the produce lost. Like farmers, they are well aware that Mother Nature is the boss of growing things, and that we who garden must bow to her superiority.

Today's gardens are different in style from those of the past, with feature plantings and water and energy conservation measures coming into play, taking in many cases a "less is more" stance that seems to work very well at providing very attractive settings for today's homes.

Congratulations to all the gardeners whose ongoing efforts were featured on the tour, and to all the tour participants who didn't let a little rain keep them from enjoying the fruits of those hardworking gardeners' labour.

RECREATION CORNER

Two weeks to Showtime!

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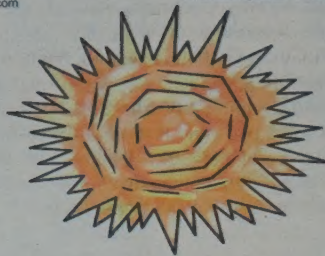
The annual Horticulture, Craft and Quilt Show is planned for Sunday, August 13th. The annual show showcases locally grown and made produce, flowers, canning, and products, as well as art and quilts. There are also sections for writers and photographers with prizes to be won. Whether you're a crafter or a baker, this is the show for you to have a chance to display your work.

For the kids, if you're wondering what to do with all the crafts they've brought home from school, you can enter them in the junior section and your kids can win prizes. There's nearly a category for everyone, if you would like to know more about how to enter and the different categories, pick up your booklet today at the Elk Point Review Office or the Information Centre. Entries are taken on Saturday, Aug. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. only.

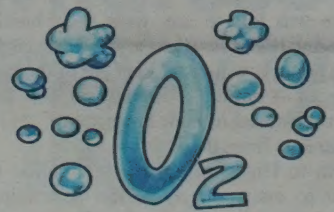
As for spectators, the show is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Sunday at the A. G. Ross Arena. There will be a bounce house for the kids and local home-based business vendors on site, along with the show. The quilt show is one of the best in our area, with loads of quilters bringing in their work.



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Way Back When...

Overnight camping, local rodeo winners, ceremonial first pitch

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1987

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce president Ed Buck planned to present a brief to Minister of Parks and Recreation Norm Weiss, urging the government to develop overnight camping facilities at Whitney Lake, feeling the area "has lost part of its heritage" since camping at that lake came to an end. Elk Point hosted Alberta Summer Games volleyball, with St. Paul boys and Fort McMurray girls winning the gold medals.

1992

All was ready for the three-day Fort George and Buckingham House Bicentennial celebration, which included a reunion for the descendants of Peter Fidler, a Western Canadian Artisans' Fair and the arrival of the Great Canadian Wagon Train, with its load of Bicentennial mail. Elk Point Agricultural Society hosted a carnival, buffalo barbecue and the Danny Hooper Show in conjunction with the celebration

1997

Elk Point had two winners at the Whitney Lake Rodeo, with Matthew Veer winning the calf roping with a time of 10 seconds flat and Erica Nielsen winning her second Junior Barrels championship in two weeks with a time of 16:801, with Laura Lilje and Rylee McKenzie of St. Paul as her closest competition. He didn't win the \$50,000 final heat at the Calgary Stampede's Rangeland Derby, but Buddy Bensmiller's 10 penalty-free runs added up to the best aggregate time to win the Richard Cosgrave Memorial trophy and the use of a GMC truck for a year.

2002

Rumours of closure were dismissed by Elk Point Health Care Centre nurse manager Val Sebree, who

assured the community it was business as usual, adding that one advantage to seeking health care in Elk Point was the delicious food, while city hospital food "is pretty bad, it's all pre-packaged somewhere." Producers were reducing their cattle herds in response to drought that had decimated pastures, with provincial aid far from adequate to help the situation.

2007

Tyler Loughran dedicated the ceremonial first pitch in the Midget Provincial ball finals to his "Papa John," Johnny Oryschuk, as he threw the ball to Oryschuk's long-ago ball teammate, Marshall Myshaniuk. The community's combination Canada Day and centennial celebrations were declared an outstanding success as the committee held its final meeting, showing a net cost to the town estimated at approximately \$6,500.

2012

The County of St. Paul's population was growing, with the 2012 Municipal Census showing a 4.1 per cent increase in population since the 2006 census.



SHEILA THOMPSON AND FRANK MAYNER, who campaigned in the 1980s for recognition and preservation of the 200-year-old fur trade forts were recognized at a Bicentennial Reunion and 20th anniversary of Fort George and Buckingham House Interpretive Centre and accepted certificates of appreciation from Minister of Culture Heather Klimchuk, presented by Charlene Garvey, Director of Northern Operations, Historic Sites and Museums, Alberta Culture.

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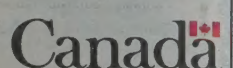
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Minor ball

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They then traveled to Whitecourt this past weekend where they lost all three games. Dalton '007' Reed chucking 90 pitches in one game and laid down a beauty of a bunt, Cody 'the Babe' Fairbairn with 91 pitches and a two-run blast out over the fence at center field and out of the park, 'Danny Boy' Cardinal with a double and two singles driving in runs, Lane Peters driving one to the fence, and Brodie Roux on base twice with bunts.

Elk Point product, pitcher 'Captain Obvious' Austin Stafford playing midget ball with the Marwayne Huskies won all four of their round robin games this past weekend, beating South Jasper Park, St. Paul, Millwoods and Grande Prairie. 'Captain Obvious' coming in the seventh inning to close out the game against St. Paul, and starting the next one against SJP.

Close but no cigars for our Lakeland AA Peeewe team. The Lakeland Northstars AA Peeewe played in Wetaskiwin this past weekend against three of the top teams in Tier 2, losing all three. The first game Saturday saw them getting merced in five innings by a hard hitting, strong pitching team, the host Wetaskiwin, then losing by seven runs in seven innings to Sedgewick early Sunday morning. Their final game on Sunday against the Edmonton Padres, the boys were down early but rallied and tied the game in the seventh inning only to lose a heart breaker by one run in extra innings. Even though they had lost all three this past weekend, the competition is tougher at



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Tier 2 and the boys are looking forward to the challenge at the Tier 2 provincial finals held in Leduc on the Aug. 4 to 6 weekend.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "When I broke in, they didn't keep track of things the way they do now. These days they have a stat for how many times a guy goes for a cup of coffee." - Mark McQwire



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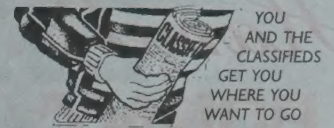
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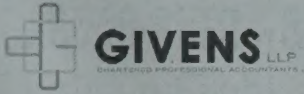
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